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### **Grant Received to Improve City of Riverside Streets and its Environment**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – The City of Riverside is actively diverting used tires from community landfills and putting them to work on our City's residential and secondary streets by using Rubberized Asphalt Concrete, commonly known as RAC. The California Integrated Waste Management Board awarded the Public Works Department a 2007/2008 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant, providing the funding for the City to use RAC as an eco-friendly and cost effective alternative to traditional road paving.

Tom Boyd, Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer said, "RAC gives agencies the best of both worlds – a proven material for road construction that needs less maintenance and helps the environment". RAC lasts up to 50 percent longer than conventional asphalt and only costs 10 to 20 percent more. Also, according to Siobhan Foster, Public Works Director, "Riverside residents enjoy quieter roadways because RAC reduces road noise by as much as 85 percent."

The grant reimbursed the City \$5.00 per ton of RAC used on approved projects up to a maximum of \$63,500. One hundred percent of California waste tires are used in the rubber portion of the projects. There are currently two projects receiving grant funding.

The Minor Streets Rehabilitation 07/08 Phase II rehabilitated approximately 8.5 miles on approximately 34 residential and secondary streets. The project was completed on December 18, 2009 and used 10,902.27 tons of rubberized asphalt concrete, diverting approximately 21,800 waste tires from landfills.

The Orange Terrace Parkway Rehabilitation is currently underway and is anticipated to rehabilitate approximately 2.0 miles of Orange Terrace Parkway from Trautwein Road to Van Buren Boulevard. The project is expected to use approximately 6,200.00 tons of rubberized asphalt and will divert approximately 12,400 waste tires from landfills.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board promotes a zero waste California in partnership with local government, industry, and the public. This means managing the estimated 76 million tons of waste generated each year by reducing waste whenever possible, promoting the management of all materials to their highest and best use, and protecting public health and safety and the environment. The California Integrated Waste Management Board urges all to participate in these efforts through its "Zero Waste: *You Make It Happen!*" program.

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